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A LETTER to a Country Gentleman; *showing that a Man may write in Defence of the present Government and Ministry, consistent with all the Laws of Liberty, and all the Rules of Virtue and Honour.*

S I R,



HERE is something in your last Letter which I am obliged, in Honour, to take Notice of; it concerns my Reputation as a Publick Writer, and therefore shall not be deferred a Moment. You wonder how a Man of my high Sentiments of

Liberty, Humanity, and Virtue, can allow my self to write for a Court. You tell me, That I am made for the People; and should leave the Drudgery of these Things to profligate Fellows and Beggars, to the Necessitous and the Base. You declaim very handsomely against Power; you shew how naturally it makes Men wanton, and how strongly it disposes them to leap the Bounds of Virtue. You affirm, That not one Government in a thousand can be defended upon Principles of Reason; That Courts generally do ill Things, and then pay venal Prostitutes to defend them. Let Power, you say, defend itself, 'tis strong enough; there is something very mean in Writing for Power, but to oppose it is brave and glorious. To write for the People, is next to *advertising* for them, the greatest of all Virtues: But to write for Princes and Ministers, for Courts, and the Creatures of Courts, is the most abject of all Characters; for 'tis earning the Wages of Iniquity and Slavery. You go on and tell me, that when I write for Liberty and Virtue, I write naturally; my Sentiments glow; my Language penetrates the Min', and speaks into the Soul: But when I ingenuously turn Advocate for Power, my Heart fails me, and my Sentiments and Language are without that Energy and Force which inspire and raise them on all other Occasions.

This, Sir, is the Strength of all you have said; and, I know, so great is your Affection for me, that, could you have said more against me, you would. But 'tis now my Turn to speak: Hear me then answer this terrible Charge; and if it does not appear as *satisfactory* to you as it seems to my self, you'll faithfully let me know it.

I have, 'tis true, wrote several Papers for the Court, or Ministry, which you please; and for the Government too, for the Government itself hath been attacked; and I have wrote them all with a very honest Heart: There is not a Paper of mine wrote for the Court, but what is equally for the People; there is not a Principle laid down but what is consistent with the Constitution and Liberty, nor a Practice defended but what seem'd reasonable.

The Topick which you so handsomely declaim upon is a very common one, and almost as true as common: Men are very apt to abuse Power, and therefore they ought to be trusted with no more than is absolutely necessary to secure the Persons and Properties of their Subjects. But the Case hath been far otherwise; under one Pretence or other of Divine and Hereditary Right, and sometimes by the mere Stupidity and Cowardice of the People, the Princes of the Earth have got all Power into their Hands, and have generally used it so ill, as to make their Subjects more miserable than they would have been in a State of Nature, without any Government at all; they have made those People Slaves and Beggars, whom they were obliged to leave at full Liberty to pursue their own greatest Good, and to protect and defend them in the Possession of that Good.

This is the Reason why Advocates for Princes and Governments have been generally thought, and justly called, Advocates for Tyranny and Slavery. In this Kingdom, indeed, we have always enjoy'd some Liberty; tho', if we go far back, it will appear very small. By the good Sense, Conduct and Wisdom of Queen Elizabeth, we possess'd a good Share of Liberty and Happiness;

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but, from her Death to the Revolution, we had a Set of Princes, who were continually struggling with the People, for a Privilege built upon the Ruins of their Liberties; the Reigns of all those Kings are transmitted down with the Infamy they deserve; for, to speak the Truth, they were almost one continued Violation of the Laws of England, or Attempts to violate those Laws. So that to vindicate the Court or Ministry in those Reigns, was to vindicate Treason against the Constitution, and the highest Acts of Injustice against the natural Rights of Mankind: Then Writers for the Government were Doctors of Slavery indeed, venal Profligates, and sordid Advocates for Power, against the Laws of the Land, and the eternal unalterable Reason of Things.

But our Case, since that glorious Revolution, is very much alter'd; our Princes are, by Experience, grown wiser, and find that their own greatest Security consists in the Security of the People, and their own greatest Happiness in the Happiness of the People. If we except the Close of one Reign, we have felt no Attempts to hurt the Constitution; nor have any Ministry dar'd to aim at a Power inconsistent with the Laws: The Government hath been good, and generally admitt'd as well as Humane Affairs seem capable of: For all we can expect from Men, is Humane Virtue, which is never perfect, and will be always mix'd. If those who are in Power pursue the Good of the Publick, with their own Good or Interest, 'tis all we ought to expect from them; and he who looks for more, will be eternally deceiv'd. This, in my Opinion, hath been done by the present Ministry; they have pursued the Good of the Publick, and shew'd an inviolable Attachment to our Liberties; the Laws have been sacredly maintain'd, and the Constitution never in one Instance weakened, unless by an Act some Years ago, in which the Opposers of the present Ministry concurr'd.

Our Foreign Affairs, notwithstanding all the Charges of political Blunders, and impracticable Treaties, have been conducted with great Temper and Wisdom: The Court appears to have always this one Thing in view, To preserve, if possible, the Peace of Europe, and, in Consequence, the Peace, Trade, and Wealth of Great Britain. The Ministry have, by Forbearance and just Management, surmounted all Difficulties, great as they were: The Cloud which hung over us, is dispers'd: The Balance of Power which, during the late confused State of Affairs, seem'd wavering, is now firmly fix'd in our own Hands; our Glory, which the Enemy insultingly said, was departing, is return'd in full Lustre: A neighbouring Nation hangs its Head, and we hold up ours; we look Triumphant, and make a Figure in Europe, equal to our superior Wealth and Power.

This being the Truth of the Case, that, at Home, we are in full Possession of all our Natural and Legal Rights; and Abroad, in as good a State as our Hearts can wish: you, Sir, and the People, shall judge, who bids fairest for the Character of honest Men; the Writers against such a Government and Ministry, or the Writers for them. Nor is it any Objection against the Truth of what we have said, that our Foreign Affairs have been embarrass'd for some Years past; if it appears that we were not the Cause of these Embarrassments, and that it was better for Great Britain to work through those Difficulties by Wisdom, than to endeavour to cut our way by Power; and so have involv'd all Europe in a War, which might be lasting and unsuccessful too.

After what has been said, how unjust and dishonest must such Men appear in your Eyes, and those of every impartial unprejudiced Reader, who call the Writers for the present Government and Ministry, Doctors of Slavery, Venal Prostitutes, and sordid Advocates for Power? No, the Writers for the Government, or, at least, all I know of them, are Doctors of Liberty, Advocates for Right, not Power; for Law, not Will and Pleasure; and Defenders of a just Exercise of Authority, and honest Measures of a Ministry, against a Set of Men,

who, only because they are out of Power, have hired Venal Prostitutes, to disgrace and defame their Country, to dishonour the King, and deceive the People. We have shewn, that the Government and Ministry are entirely in the Interest of the People, so that writing for the Court is, at present, writing for the People; from whence it follows, that all your Objections against our writing for the Court, fall of themselves, and are of no Weight or Force.

We can't conclude this Letter, without mentioning Mr. D'Ancers's pretty turning and playing with Words in his last Craftyman: He says, Mr. Osborne has advanced this excellent Thesis, That Bribery is no Corruption. Mr. Osborne's Words referred to, are these, "That all giving of Money is not Corruption, any more than all killing is Murder; and that in all Actions, the Intention and End are to be considered: That old venerable Cato gave Money against Caesar, and encourag'd others to do it." Now comes our sagacious Reasoner, Mr. D'Ancers, and says, That because, all giving of Money is not Corruption, therefore Bribery is not Corruption; but this is no Consequence, unless all giving of Money, is Bribery; which he is desir'd to shew in his next.

But Mr. D'Ancers goes on and says, The Ministerial Writers are in a Plot, to establish the moral and political Expediency of Corruption, with a View to throw out the Pension bill next Winter. In this he is mistaken, for the Plot which these Writers are in, is not to establish the moral and political Expediency of Corruption, but a moral and political Expediency to prevent Corruption; or, at least, drive out a greater Corruption by a less; which he will see when the Essay comes out. Therefore, let him not be afraid of next Winter on this Account, nor on his Patron's Account, for all Things will do very well.

Having thus, Sir, vindicated the Writers for the Ministry, from the Charge of being Advocates for Power, and earning the Wages of Iniquity and Slavery, I shall leave the remaining Part of this Defence to another Letter, and am

Your most obliged Friend and Servant,

F. OSBORNE.

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Paris, Sept. 15

OUR last Letters from Seville advise, that the Count de Rottemburg, Ambassador of France, continued out of order; that Admiral Wager was returned to Cadix, from thence to proceed with his Squadron to Barcelona, whither the Spanish Squadron, consisting of 24 Men of War of the Line, will follow very speedily. Those two Squadrons are always, by Agreement, to go at some Distance from each other, to avoid the Disputes which might otherwise happen.

This Day the Duke de S. Aignan took his Leave of the King at Versailles and will set out very soon on his Embassy to Rome, the Cardinal de Polignac's Departure thence being fixt for the 3d of October next.

Paris, Sept. 19. Letters from Rome, of the 31st inst, advise, that the Princess Borghese died the 17th, of an Apoplexy. The Bishop of Montpelier's Mandate against the Constitution Unigenitus, was burnt by the Hands of the Common Hangman there the 28th.

Algiers, August 12. Our Corsairs have brought in no Prize, except the English Ship formerly mentioned, bound from Portugal to Hamburg; the Loading of which was confiscated because the Passes were too old, but the Ship and the Men were set at Liberty. Two of our rouest Corsairs are sail'd towards the Levant, and four others are cruising in the Mediterranean. The Bashaw from Constantinople, who has brought our Dey a Caftan as a Present from the Grand Seigneur, is to have an Audience with a great deal of Ceremony, in order to deliver it. When the Dutch Commadore Schryver sail'd from hence, he was not only saluted (as a Flag Officer) with five Guns from the Mole, but the Town also fired.



Guns for the Standard of the States General which is called a Royal Salute, and is an Honour, which the English and French Nations could never yet obtain.

*Alicant, Aug. 18.* The three Dutch Men of War, under the Command of Commodore Schryver, which sailed from Algiers the 12th Instant, arrived here Yesterday, and will proceed for Malaga this Night or to Morrow Morning. Just as Commodore Schryver was departing from Algiers, the Day, at his Request, ordered a Hamburg Shipper to be set at Liberty for 1700, instead of 2500 *Pacos*, which is the Price usually paid for the Matter of a Ship.

*Santa Cruz, in Barbary, Aug. 10.* The Divisions among the Mountaineers continue; and the Roads being thereby rendered very unsafe, we receive very few Goods from Above; but the Price of Provisions is now pretty moderate. We have Advice, that King Muley Abdallah is broke up, with an Army of 12,000 Horse for Morocco, and is already arrived near Alaphi. That King has laid a new Tax upon the People of Sallee; as he had done before at several Places. The Ship of Capt. Jamison is sailed hence for Sallee, where that of Capt. Bruce is daily expected.

*Naples, Aug. 28.* Cardinal Coscia, who has been coaching it about this City for some time past, has now shut himself up again; the Occasion is not yet known.

*Rome, Sept. 1.* On Saturday a great Congregation of Cardinals was holden at the Secretary of State's, upon the Bishop of Montpellier's Affair; and on Tuesday an Edict was stuck up in the usual Places, annulling and condemning the said Bishop's Ordinances against his Chapter, for accepting the Bull *Unigenitus* purely and simply. On Wednesday a Book, entitled, *The Life of the Abbot Paris*, was burnt by the Hands of the Common Hangman, in the Plain della *Vinerosa*. On Thursday Cardinal Alberoni had a very long Audience of the Pope.

*Leghorn, Sept. 1.* Letters from Corsica advise, that since the Arrival of the German Troops, several Places have made their Submission; but the Imperial General not thinking himself strong enough to attack the Rebels in their Mountains, has sent for the other Detachment of 4900 Germans from the Milaneze, and they have begun their March accordingly.

*Marseilles, Sept. 8.* Here are arrived the Ships of Joseph de la Chapelle from Amsterdam, and Anthony Bourgairel, Capt. La Touche, and Peter, Rebecq, from Cadiz. The last took up at Sea, and brought hither, eight or ten Seamen belonging to the La Flore, Capt. Quenerel, which in her Passage hither from Cadiz, sprung a Leak 30 or 40 Miles from Port Louis, and sunk: The Captain and three or four others betook themselves to their Boat; but it was very much apprehended that they are lost. The Ship that sunk, had 60,000 Pieces of Eight, and some Cochineal and other Goods on board.

*Paris, Sept. 22.* The 19th in the Afternoon, the King reviewed the Regiment of Dragoons of Orleans, the Duke of that Name being at their Head.

His Majesty has made M. Talon, Advocate General of the Parliament, President *a Mortier*, in the room of M. de Maisons, deceased; and M. Joly de Fleury, Eldest Son to the Attorney General, succeeds M. Talon as Advocate General.

King Stanislaus and his Queen set out the 19th on their Return to Chambord.

M. de Chavigny, ancient Bishop of Troyes, died the 15th, in the 90th Year of his Age.

And M. de Tilladet, Bishop of Macon, died where the 6th, aged 93 Years.

'Tis thought the English and Spanish Squadrons might sail about the 15th Instant; but Don Carlos does not go till next Spring, and then 'tis said he will go by Land, to see France.

On the 20th past, the Marquis de Monteleone and the Baron de Espeletra, Minister of Spain at Parma, protested against the Dutchess's Great Belly, and demanded Possession of that Dutchy.

On the 12th, the Queen was let Blood, her Majesty being two Months gone with Child.

*Cadiz, Sept. 4.* The Ship entering our Bay at the Departure of the last Post, did not prove (as expected) an Advice Boat. Don Joseph Patinho dined on board the *Namure*, with the British Admiral, before his Squadron sailed from hence, when one of the Chamber of Commerce was present, who introducing the Affair of the Detention

of the Flota's Treasure, as also that by the Affogues, with the Effects, Patinho flattered him with Hopes of a speedy Delivery, which now proves only an Order for delivering the Cochineal, and other Merchandize brought by the Affogues, which will begin this Week, or the Beginning of the next. This serves to amuse People, and lessen the Clamour at the Treasure's Detention, by which means the Time till the Gallies arrive will not be so tedious, before which we have little Expectation of having it issued, the Preparations of the preceding and present Years for the Expedition to Italy having exhausted the Treasury.

*Malaga, Sept. 4.* This Morning Sir Charles Wager with the Squadron under his Command, passed by in Sight of this Town, in his Way to Barcelona.

*Edinburgh, Sept. 6.* We are told, that this Day the Hon. Miss Lenox, Daughter by a prior Marriage to the Dutchess of Athole, is expected from London, on her way to Dunkell.

*Edinburgh, Sept. 9.* Last Tuesday came on, before the Lords of Justiciary, the Trial of James Rilly, Gardener of Leith, for the Murder of one Campbell, a Centinel in Montague's Regiment, whom, it is alledged, Rilly found in Bed with his Wife; and the same is put off till the 21st Instant.

*Ellon, Sept. 2.* On the 31st past, died here Andrew Forrest, a Tenant in Baillie Gordon of Ellon's Interest, in this Parish, aged 108 Years, and some Weeks; the last 29 Years of which he has been a Widower. Last May he helped to cast his own Firing, he was then both healthy and vigorous, and might have lived much longer, but that he was unfortunately over-run by some Horses he was leading out to Grass.

*Holyhead, Sept. 10.* This Day, at One o'Clock at Noon, Capt. Lawton fired a Gun, as a Signal for the Duke and Dutchess of Dorset to come on Board; and they are now preparing to embark: There is a pleasant Gale, but not so fair as could be wish'd; but 'tis thought they will be in Dublin by To-morrow Night.

*Exon, Sept. 10.* A Constable is committed to our Goal for the Murder of Mr. Pyke: There were likewise concern'd with him John Yoe, who has but one Eye, Stephen and John Noon, Lewis Cock, David Dellick, and others, not yet taken.

*Norwich, Sept. 11.* Last Sunday a Man, of 60 Years of Age, stood in a White Sheet in our Cathedral Church, for getting his own Daughter with Child; and To-morrow he is to stand in North Walsingham Church. On Monday another, about the same Age, was committed to our Goal, for a Rape on a Girl of 12 Years of Age.

*Bristol, Sept. 11.* Yesterday our Goal Delivery ended, when the four following received Sentence of Death, viz. Thomas Sleep, for stealing a Yoke of Oxen, a Horse and a Mare; John Griffin and John Richards, each for stealing a Mare; and John Carrol, of Lord Mark Kerr's Regiment, for the Murder of Boyce of the same Regiment.

Mr. Power was tried for Firing Mr. Packer's House; but handsomely acquitted, the Evidences varying: the Chief whereof was a Child, who swore she knew Mr. Power to be the Man that hung the Letter into Mr. Botely's House, having often seen him at her Mother's; but she being sworn, said she never saw him in her Life, till after his being taken up.

George Scott, the Person who robb'd and abused Mr. Sallard of Keynsham upon Busselton Common, near this City, was condemned at Wells Assizes, and it was believed he suffered some time this Week.

We are informed, that last Thursday Night, a Women Passenger, in a Vessel from Ireland, was robbed by two Men behind St. Stephen's Church, of several Moldores. One stop'd her Mouth to prevent her crying out, whilst the other rifled her Pockets.

#### L O N D O N.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has rewarded all his Servants, and others who attended him in his late Illness, with handsome Benefactions.

We hear that her Majesty has presented his Royal Highness the Duke with ten Tickets in the State Lottery.

It is written from Malaga, the 4th Instant, N. S. That the Dutch Squadron under Comma-

dore Schryver, was arrived there from Algier, and careening in the Mole; and that the Commodore had by an Express, received Orders from his Masters, to proceed from thence with his Squadron, to join the British Squadron at Barcelona, which passed that Day for that Place.

The Hon. John Cornwallis, Esq; second Brother to the Lord Cornwallis, and Member of Parliament for the Borough of Eye in Suffolk, is appointed one of the Gentlemen of his Majesty's Privy Chamber.

On Thursday a Gentleman who had been to visit the Captain of a Merchant Ship in the River, off of Rotherhithe, had the Misfortune to slip from the Side of the Ship, and was drowned.

Last Wednesday Evening several Persons were robbed near Bromley, by three Highwaymen, who have infested that Road for several Days: They got a very large Booty from a Gentleman in a Chaise; and from a Gentleman on Horseback they took a Silver Watch and about 30 s.

His Majesty has been pleased to give the Command of a Company of Foot, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Kirk, to Tho. Walter, Esq; who formerly was Capt. Lieutenant in a Marching Regiment on the Irish Establishment.

One Hundred and Twenty Felons, confined in Newgate, will next Week be ship'd off for his Majesty's Plantations in America; besides above 100 already put on board a Ship from Country Goals.

The Masters of Colliers, to prevent the South Sea Company's interfering with them in their gainful Branch of Business, have thought fit, on that Account, to lower the Price of Coal, and to dissolve the late Combination that has been so advantageous to themselves, and so detrimental to the Publick all this Summer; whereby Coals will be cheaper, no doubt, in October next, than they have been any Time this Year.

On Tuesday the 12th of October will be held the first General Seal in Chancery before Michaelmas Term; and the 19th the second General Seal.

On Tuesday the 5th of October next the Company of his Majesty's Ships undermentioned will be paid at the Pay Office in Broad-street, viz. the Deptford Lighter, from the 26th of January 1727, to the 31st of December 1730, and the Southam Hulk, from the 1st of October 1728, to the 30th of September 1730.

On Wednesday Morning a Man that drove a Dust Cart in Butcherhall Lane dropt down suddenly; he was blooded, but it was all in vain.

The same Day in the Afternoon, a Labourer that was at Work in the new Vault that is making before Mr. Truby's House in St. Paul's Church Yard, was kill'd by the Earth falling in upon him.

On Wednesday Anne Nowland, who was convicted about ten Months since, of picking up a Gentleman in the Street, carrying him to her House, and robbing him of about fifty Guineas, and who was at first order'd for Transportation, but afterwards burnt in the Hand, was bailed out of Newgate.

On Monday Evening about half an Hour after Six, two Highwaymen robb'd a Gentleman and his Wife in Bow Lane, coming in a Coach from Bromley to Poplar; it has been observed, that the same Men have lately committed several Robberies about the same Place.

We hear the Church of St. Andrew Holbourn will be open'd the first Sunday in October.

*Extract of a Letter from Cadiz, Aug. 28. N. S.*

The Kinsale Man of War, Capt. Harvey, remains in our Bay, to receive on board some Englishmen who had entered into the Spanish Service; but Sir Charles Wager, with 14 Ships, (two of which, the Heffor, Capt. Solgard, and the Biddesford, Capt. Barnard, joined him here) sailed for Gibraltar.

It is confidently reported, that at the British Admiral's Departure from Seville, his Catholic Majesty presented him with his Picture set in Diamonds, esteemed worth 25,000 Dollars.

On the 25th Don Joseph Patinho dined with Sir Charles, on board the *Namur*, as he died on board the Santa Isabella, a Ship of 80 Guns, now lying within Puntales, where he was saluted by that Ship and others with about 150 Guns.

When Patinho left the Admiral's Ship, none throughout the Squadron gave him less than 15 Guns.



To the Author of the LONDON JOURNAL.

From on Board the Experiment Floating Light, some Time since moor'd at the Nore, for the Guidance of Shipping by Night, September 13, 1731.

S I R,  
THIS is to desire you to acquaint the Publick, That there is now making ready a proper Vessel, Burden about One Hundred Tons, to be moor'd here, instead of this which some think too small, and not capable to endure the Term of Fourteen Years, (the Time the Patent is granted for) as I doubt not but this large one will, and will be ready by the End of this Month, and answer the good Intention to the Satisfaction of all Navigators; and for encouraging the Undertakers, and towards defraying the great Expence that has already been, and daily is, I have, by Advice of my Friends, left Parchments at Sam's and Holland's Coffee-houses, at the Custom-house, Jack's Coffee-house, at Bear Key; Salutation, Swan, Dog, and Gun Taverns, at Billingsgate; Will's, John's, Tom's, Lloyd, Jerusalem, Jamaica, Virginia and Maryland, Marine, Sword-Blade, Pennsylvania, Portugal, New-England, and the other Coffee-houses near the Royal Exchange; and at Mr. Fagran's, Book-seller, under the South Entrance of the Royal Exchange; for Owners and Commanders, at Le fure, to sign their Approbation and Consent to pay the following Prizes each Voyage, viz. for all Ships or Vessels, under 100 Tons, to pay 6 d. each; for all Ditto, from 100 to 200 Tons, 1 s. each; and for all Ditto, above 200 Tons, 1 s. 6 d. each. And it is hoped this will be thought very moderate, and readily comply'd with, to encourage a further Progress of this kind, which is extremely desired and wanted at the Wells and other Places. Your Friendship in this will further oblige,

S I R,  
Your very Humble Servant,

ROBERT HAMBLIN.

From on Board the Namur, under Sail out of Cadiz Bay, Aug. 16, O. S. Sir Charles Wager, with the Squadron of his Majesty's Ships under his Command, is now under Sail for Gibraltar, where the two Regiments, and Wine for the Squadron, are to be taken in, which, it is supposed, will be done in three or four Days; and then Sir Charles Wager will sail for Barcelona, where he will remain till the Spanish Ships of War join him, and then proceed with them to Italy. The Marquis de Mari is to command the Spanish Squadron; their Ships in this Bay will be ready in a Week, and those from Corunna are expected within that Time at farthest. The Hector join'd us, from Gibraltar, the 14th Instant.

On Tuesday Morning a Woman well dress'd came to the Shop of Mr. Deard, a Toyman in Fleetstreet, and cheapened several Gold Rings, and bought one, which she paid for, but found Means to conceal another, which being miss'd before she went out of the Shop, they charged her with it, and being searched it was found upon her; she was carried before Sir William Billers, who committed her to the Compter.

The same Day there was a Board of Admiralty held at the Admiralty Office at Whitehall, when their Lordships were pleas'd to appoint Mr. John Boyer, Carpenter of his Majesty's Ship the Newcastle, a Fourth Rate, to be Carpenter of the Chichester, a Third Rate, in the room of Mr. Crampton, removed into the Rusel; and Mr. Richard Ward, Carpenter of the Feverham, a Fifth Rate, to be Carpenter of the Newcastle, in the room of Mr. Boyer; and Mr. John Righton, Carpenter of the Ferret Sloop, to be Carpenter of the Feverham, in the room of Mr. Ward.

His Majesty's Sloop the Ferret, which was lately paid off at Woolwich, is ordered to be broke to pieces, she being condemn'd as unfit for further Service; and the new Ship which is building at Woolwich, and called the Grampus, is to be in her stead.

Wednesday was held a Court of Common Council, when the Bill for preventing the Sale of the City and Bridge House Artificers Places, as altered, was reported, and ordered to be printed; and the Artificers, if they think proper, are to be heard by their Council against the said Bill, it being expected that a Common Council

will be held for that Purpose about the 18th of October next.

On Tuesday at the East India House, 526 Lots of Tea were put up to Sale, but being put up at 5 s. per Pound, (the Buyer paying the Duty) only two Lots were bid for, and bought at 5 s. 1 d. per Pound.

The same Morning some Rogues, taking the Opportunity of a thick Fog, robb'd the Tottenham Coach.

The same Morning, between 4 and 5 o'Clock, the Northampton and another Stage Coach were robb'd near Highgate by two Highwaymen, who took from the Passengers upwards of 40 l. They likewise robb'd a Person on Horseback, and took from him his Horse, some Money, and his Portmantua, and made off down Hornsey Lane: About Eight the same Morning the Horse and Portmantua, which was rifled, were found in an adjacent Field.

Deaths. Last Week died the Rev. Mr. L'Amey, Vicar a. Staines.—Saturday died, after a short Illness, the Rev. Mr. Lee, Curate of Tooting in the County of Surrey.—The same Day died, at his Lodgings in Greek Street, Soho, Adolphus Farre, Esq; who came from Ireland about four Months since, to visit an Uncle that was ill of a Fever, and who died about six Weeks ago, and left him an Estate of 400 l. per Annum.—Sunday died, in the 66th Year of his Age, at his Lodgings in Jermin Street, John Hill of the County of Surrey, Esq;—Wednesday died at his Lodgings in Stocks Market, Capt. Stewart, a Scotch Gentleman, who was in the Service of the East India Company.—Tuesday died at Newmarket, The. Walker, Esq; his Majesty's Housekeeper at that Place.

Prices of Goods at Bear Key.

per Quarter.	per Quarter.
Wheat — 22 to 29	Hog Pease 16 to 18
Rye — 15 to 16	Pease — 25 to 29
Barley — 16 to 20	Pale Malt 22 to 26
Oates — 10 to 14	Brown Malt 20 to 22 6
Horse Beans 18 to 24	Tares — 20 to 26
Coals 25 s. to 25 s. 6 d. per Chaldren.	
Hops 1729 — 50 s. to 70 s. per Hundred	
Mops 1730 — 4 l. 6 s. per Hundred.	
Hops 1731 — 6 l. to 8 s. 10 s. per Hundred.	
Rape Seed 11 l. to 12 l. per Last.	

Thursday South Sea Stock was 103 1/4th. South Sea Ann. 108 5/8ths. Bank 148 1/2 half. New Bank Circulation 5 l. Premium. India 192. Royal Exchange Assurance 98 3/4ths London Assurance 12 3/4ths. African 50 1/2 half. York Buildings 24. Three per Cent. Ann. 96. English Copper 3 l. Welch Copper 2 l. 10 s. South Sea Bonds 6 l. 3 s. India Bonds 6 l. 6 s. Lottery Tickets 11 l. 4 s.

The Publick General CORRESPONDENCE, of Affairs for Improving Money, Trade and Estates, &c.

A Person wants to lay out a considerable Sum of Money in purchasing Estates FOR LIFE, or IN REVERSION.

Persons who want to sell or buy saleable PLACES or OFFICES, to be enjoy'd during Life, may very likely be inform'd of proper Opportunities for to doing.

A RENT CHARGE of about 200 l. a Year, payable for ever, is to be sold.

An ANNUITY is wanted from 20 l. a Year to 80 l. a Year, payable during the Life of an elderly Man, for which a good Price at this time may be had.

To be sold, A long Lease of a PUBLICK HOUSE, at a small Rent, which has a very great Trade, and also the Stock in the Cellar, which is large.

ESTATES which some Persons want to BUY.

An Estate in Land from 500 to 1000 l. Value.—An Estate in Land from 100 to 300 l. a Year, or thereabouts, in Kent, Surrey, or Essex, within 30 Miles of London.—Some Freehold Houses (good or bad) in or near London.—And several Persons want to Buy and some to Hire other Estates.

ESTATES which some Persons want to SELL.

A handsome House, four Roomson a Floor, lately built, with about 80 Acres of Land, about 20 Miles from London.—A Parcel of Land near London of about 1200 l. Value, which may at this time be bought cheap.—And several Persons want to Sell and some to Lett other Estates.

THE Particulars will be given by Mr. Thomas Rogers, Agent for Persons who want any such Business to be done. He Answers Letters Post Paid, and Advertises if desired, not otherwise; all at his own Charges if not Successful.

He gives Attendance as undermentioned.

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